

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please replace the abstract at page 21 with the following amended abstract. A replacement can be found on the last page of this response.

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~~In another aspect, a~~ A process for fabricating a microelectrode is described that includes: a) providing a substrate comprising at least one polymer micro-ridge, where the polymer micro-ridge comprises an upper surface and at least one wall, and the wall forms an angle with a lower surface; b) depositing a metal thin film on the upper surface, the wall, and the lower surface; c) etching a predetermined amount of the deposited metal thin film on the lower surface or the deposited metal thin film on the upper surface; and d) etching a predetermined amount of the other of the deposited metal thin film on upper surface or the deposited metal thin film on the lower surface, thereby leaving a metal thin film on the wall.